

PANEL RESULTS & COMMENTS 2020 PROJECT SUPPORT II



Italian Cultural Garden Foundation

Your Project Title: "Opera in the Italian Garden" with Cleveland Opera and Cleveland Ballet

Your Project Summary: An annual, family friendly concert of Italian Opera with The Cleveland Opera and the Cleveland Ballet offered free of charge for the public in the Italian Renaissance Cultural Garden in Cleveland's Glenville area. Now in its 11th year, the concert has broken attendance records each year since we revived the concerts in 2008, reviving a dormant, urban space in Cleveland and giving the public the opportunity to experience two of Italy's greatest cultural arts: opera and ballet.

Final Score: Somewhat. Overall, the panel felt that the applicant provided some evidence throughout the application that the funding criteria were met.

CAC Grant Amount: \$4,000

To ensure an impartial and transparent application review process, CAC convened an online panel of arts and cultural professionals from outside the region who evaluated and scored eligible applications.

Panelists scored each application based on the Funding Criteria—Public Benefit, Artistic and Cultural Vibrancy and Organizational Capacity—with an emphasis on Public Benefit. For more details regarding the panel process and full panelist bios, please review the [Panel Guide](#).



McKenzi Swinehart
(Columbus, OH)



Lisa Harper Chang
(Arlington, VA)



Sherman Fleming
(Philadelphia, PA)

Below you will find the panel's scores and any feedback in response to the question: **With an emphasis on public benefit, does the applicant demonstrate evidence that it meets CAC's three funding criteria?**

Note: Panelist scores and comments are presented in no particular order.

Panelist 1

Score: Yes

Panelist 2

Score: Somewhat

The proposed program sounds lovely. Would have appreciated more detail in your proposal overall, including more detail in the budget, more detail in your staffing, and more detail about the community you are serving. For instance, providing both demographics (census data?) for the community and anecdotes or quotations from community members to support statements like "greatly appreciated by...who could not otherwise afford this experience." More detail would have greatly strengthened this application.

Panelist 3

Score: Somewhat

Questions? Cuyahoga Arts & Culture is here to assist. Please contact:

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